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**Basant Sharma, et al.**

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**For: Aqueous Sustained-Release Formulations of Proteins**

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In response to the Official Action dated May 20, 2003, reconsideration is respectfully requested in view of the amendments and/or remarks as indicated below:

- ☐ **Amendments to the Specification.**
- ☒ **Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of the claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.
- ☐ **Amendments to the Drawings**
- ☒ **Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 4 of this paper.